

U. STATES BIDS ABOUT AUG. 15 FOR LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Call has not yet been made by the U. S. Engineer's office at Jacksonville for bids for putting up sections of Lake Okeechobee levee and making a navigable channel that will total about six miles, but contractors who have visited the engineer's office say the bids will be received about August 15. A line must then elapse for examination of the bids and inquiry as to the bidders' responsibility and nature of bonds when the contract is awarded.

Contractors will be furnished with full information as to materials that are to be dealt with and will not be restricted as to equipment or manner of doing the work. Floating dredges or draglines will be used.

DETAIL OF VARIOUS LOCAL OPERATIONS

SOUTH BAY, July 22.—Captain Wilfred Lockhart made a trip to Stuart with his tug boat to deliver to a large barge belonging to the Canal Company. The barge was 300x300 and no difficulty was encountered until it reached the Palm City bridge where the Captain reports he had to work his tug boat through a narrow channel and shoal water a distance of 400 feet. Further difficulties arose when he reached No. 2 lock in St. Lucie canal where sand-bars in the by-path had closed the canal to transportation of such large craft consequently the barge had to be towed up to the drainage board to be used to dredge to clear the canal of the sand bars which it will be brought on to Clewiston as planned.

The work of removing the bryozoans from the rim canal was planned by Moore Haven and Clewiston by Captain Lockhart. The work continued as the United States engineers plan on completing the government-owned equipment. Orders are now out for the removal of the government-owned barge from the rim canal to the low land where it will start drilling for the survey parties now working along the St. Lucie canal. Captain Lockhart expects to start early Tuesday morning with the drill barge in tow for this new location.

READY FOR FLOOD

SOUTH BAY, July 22.—All five of the pumping plants in this drainage district have just been overhauled and placed in excellent condition and also refueled within the last week so that they are in constant readiness for instant use in case of heavy rainfall or other necessity for immediate pumping.

MRS. FARNUM HEAD S. B. GARDEN CLUB

At a recent meeting of the South Bay unit of the Upper Everglades Garden Club at the home of Mrs. M. J. Williams occurred the annual election of officers as follows: chairman, Mrs. C. E. Farnum; secretary, Mrs. J. P. Nance; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Tompkins; chairman of program, Mrs. J. W. Ransley; committee to work up a constitution, Mrs. J. W. Ransley; Mrs. Maude Hartline and Mrs. Marjory Gay.

It was decided that the club will meet hereafter at home of the various members. The next meeting is on July 29th, when the members of Mrs. Maude Hartline and Mrs. August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Tompkins.

WARM FRIEND ASKS IF WE ARE CRAZY?

Canal Point, July 11, 1931.—When I read the lines in your paper "Keep Cool—Spend the Summer on Lake Okeechobee," words to that effect, it makes me wonder if you are crazy with the heat or if you are just trying to fool some far-away subscriber. I have spent several summers on the Great American Desert, and never did I suffer from hot weather as I have here on Lake Okeechobee this summer.

Just continue with such fellow-foes from Phoenix, Arizona, or some other desert city down there with you. I imagine he will get "hot" with you.

Perspiring yours,
A "WARM" FRIEND.

BIVANS CO. OPENS LUMBER BUSINESS

The S. M. Bivans Lumber Company has opened at Port Lauderdale and Deerfield, in a shed 50x50 feet on a lot on the lake front in Pahokee, where it will engage in the building material business. The lot was leased from Councilman L. J. Mayo and is near Mrs. Byrd's boarding house.

Materials which are to be used as models for the foundation on the ground, with the material for construction of a driveway.

A fill in the borrow ditch along the lake front will be made by a driveway.

Mrs. Bivans says she planned three years ago to start a lumber yard on East Beach and she was unable to carry out the idea then, but he told the purpose of getting in business here.

W. T. Smith, who lived here three years ago and for a time was manager of the Brookline Company, says he has no interest in the Bivans Company's Pahokee yard and will be its manager.

TRUCK CROP-TALKS MAKE UP PROGRAM

GAINEVILLE, July 23.—When some 2,000 farmers and home makers gathered at the University here Monday, August 10, for the 10th annual Florida Vegetable Growers' meeting in groving truck crops, the program was made up of lectures by interested specialists will find unusual interest. They are scheduled to be a complete tour of the College and Experiment Station farms Monday afternoon, and the afternoon program will feature a lecture on the physiological and entomological features of the truck crop.

One of the main speakers Wednesday will be H. C. Thompson, head of the vegetable crops department of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He will discuss strains and variety studies as well as premature seeding. Other topics to be discussed will be the effect of climatic factors on Florida truck crops, fertilizer and cover crops, vegetable production costs and comparative marketing progress of cooperative marketing. The latter will be discussed by R. H. Manning, manager of the Florida Vegetable Growers' association, while the other topics will be handled by College of Agriculture workers.

The special ornamental program will begin Thursday afternoon when flowering bulbs, roses, lawns and foundation plantings will be discussed by Mrs. J. W. Ransley, workers and N. A. Reardon, Oneco nurseryman. The program will continue Friday afternoon with a display of various insects, mostly bugs on bulbs, flower thrips, and diseases of ornamentals, and the main topics.

MARRIED SIXTY YEARS

Mrs. and Mr. Rene Poterbo of Citrus Center celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday before last, when she prepared a dinner of friends as a king for a party of friends from Moore Haven.

TENTH-FOOT RISE IN LAKE THIS WEEK

Evidently in consequence of rains in the Kissimmee river valley and elsewhere in the watershed of Lake Okeechobee, the lake rose a tenth of a foot early in the week, being recorded as elevation 14.5 feet Tuesday. On Monday a wind the water registered 14.4 feet but was back at 14.5 yesterday morning.

As the spillway and the lock chamber gates are open, West Palm Beach canal at Canal Point is at the same elevation as the lake.

Rise of the lake is more probable than lowering.

MAY BUILD DEPOT

Several Florida East Coast railway officials made a trip of inspection to Lake Harbor on Monday and it is rumored that the F. E. C. will erect a station at that point in the immediate future.

WHO EMPLOYEES ARE

How many employees Everglades drainage district has and what they get has long been a subject of discussion, and the first authoritative statement is found in the minutes of the session of the drainage board held at West Palm Beach Tuesday, July 14, wherein it is reported the number and the purposes of the employees and maintaining and operating five schools; and

the list follows:

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FIVE APPLICANTS FOR P. O. JOB HERE

There are five applicants for the position of postmaster at Canal Point to succeed W. A. Baker, who has tendered his resignation and asked to be relieved.

Who the applicants are was revealed in inquiries that were sent by the U. S. Civil Service Commission to residents of Canal Point, the commission asking for information and opinion about the applicants.

As listed on the blank the applicants are: Mrs. Essie S. McClelland, Mrs. H. Virginia Adams, James D. Lee, Mrs. Beattie S. Wisdom, Harold A. Rosenberg, A. Republican county committeeman had said that Mrs. R. E. Starr was an applicant but her name is not on the list.

The inquiry from the Civil Service Commission indicates that the examination of applicants will be held on July 31 and that these five persons were certified as being eligible.

AS NOTARY PUBLIC GEORGE H. IS GOOD

It is of great importance that there be a notary public in the community, and as a notary public does not get a salary and as the compensation here is irregular, it is uncertain, the getting of a right man for the place has been a problem. George H. Archambault is the notary public at Canal Point and he is the right man for the right place. George is familiar with legal work, he knows the requirements of the office and as he is the bookkeeper at the Canal Point Post Office, he is in central location and always accessible. This summer when other notaries were away, George was here on the job, a great accommodation, persons who had to get signatures acknowledged.

COMMUNITY GOSSIP

Look in the dictionary and see the definition of "Rebecca" or "Hiebekah." One of the definitions reads: "A leader, who was dressed in female attire, of the bands of robbers who plundered the villages in South Wales in 1943-44, so called in allusion to Genesis xiv, 60." This is printed to get you to read your bible and see what Genesis xiv, 60 says.

Prospect of a tax on cigarettes and a higher tax on gasoline and automobiles has caused the people to scheme out ways of beating the tax, or some of them, in the opinion of Governor Carrington's inspectors are going to be astonished at the number and cleverness of the schemes by which the resourcefulness of the common people will express itself.

MOORE HAVEN LAND BASIS OF HUGG STU

Dr. PETERSEN, July 20. Attorneys for N. F. Stone explained Monday night that a suit for \$600,000 filed at Miami, Monday, by Stone against Clarence A. Busch of Miami Beach was an out-

HUDSON MERCANTILE COMPANY

Offers
GRAPEFADE, 1 lb. 19c
FLOUR, White Ring, 10c
DRIED FRUIT, 10c
SALAD DRESSING, 14c
FISHES, 10c
PORK CHOPS, 14c
HAMBURGER, 15c
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Work Shoes, Dress Shoes
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Price

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When the resolution was put to vote, the vote was as follows: Dr. Lutz, Yes; Mr. Simmons, Yes; Mr. Woska, No; Mr. Higgins, No. Whereupon the chairman voted Yes, and the resolution was adopted.

CANAL POINT

W. L. Brandon has returned from his trip to Kansas and other points in the west.

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That the opinion of this board the owners within the district should interest themselves in protecting their own property from the ravages of fire for the purpose of safeguarding their investments in the land within the district.

That in the opinion of this board the protection of taxable values within the several counties by preventing the destruction of muck lands by fires is a function of each of which should be borne by all of the taxpayers of each county, and that it would be unjust, unequal and unreasonable to impose the total cost of preserving such taxable values upon the lands within Everglades drainage district which are subject to destruction by fires.

When the resolution was put to vote, the vote was as follows: Dr. Lutz, Yes; Mr. Simmons, Yes; Mr. Woska, No; Mr. Higgins, No. Whereupon the chairman voted Yes, and the resolution was adopted.

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